

# German

## Key Stage 3

In Key Stage 3, pupils have the unique opportunity to cover three languages in the first two years of senior school, providing them with solid foundations for future language learning.

In German, they can expect to cover a wide variety of topics in a German-speaking context; family, food, everyday life, use of technologies and education.

Our whole-class projects and our biennial exchange programme with our partner school in Amberg, Bavaria, offer opportunities for genuine cultural experiences and the potential for lifelong friendships.



*“I would say I am quite sociable, so languages give me the ability to be sociable with the whole world.”*



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## Key Stage 4

Key Stage 4 represents a crucial step in our students' linguistic journey. All students will study at least one Modern Foreign Language at GCSE/IGCSE.

Studying German will provide the opportunity to delve deeper into the language and culture whilst equipping students with vital communications skills for an increasingly interconnected world.

The Language Leaders and Erasmus+ programmes offer leadership and travel opportunities to enhance their portfolio. Our German exchange programme with our partner school the Dr-Johanna-Decker-Gymnasium in Amberg, Bavaria, is an immersive and intensive experience, which will boost confidence and competence in using the language as well as developing cultural understanding.

Our joint German and History trip to Berlin offers a fascinating insight into this capital city steeped in history and culture.

## Key Stage 5

A Level study is the culmination of a linguist's High School experience as students further explore into the culture, history and current affairs of the German-speaking world.

Students are encouraged to develop their independence by completing a work experience programme in Germany. The Individual Research Project allows girls to investigate a cultural topic of their choice in depth while gaining essential study skills to prepare them for higher education.

Films and literary works are also studied to give a rounded appreciation of society throughout the German-speaking world.

*“With languages you can travel and meet new people from different cultures. The key to any relationship is communication so I think languages are absolutely essential.”*



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